

Spring 2024 Professional Learning Opportunities!

*** If you are aware of other local learning events please share that info to prod@sd72.bc.ca*

In District Spring Learning Events

The Joy of Writing hosted by Chris Hatfield April 10 3:15 – 4:15pm @ Ocean Grove Elementary. – Primary writing session. Grade 1-3 **Register on CIMS by Friday April 5 please.**

Join Chris and other grade 1 teachers to learn about how to engage students in literacy and writing through book making. There will be a discussion of how and why to make books with students, Chris will share books she has made with students including The Pigeon, Elephant and Piggie and a Fly Guy book. ABC, Scary Books, Guess the B.C. Animal, Guess What's in the Stocking, Fairy Tales, Star Wars, Guess What's in the Egg, Who Would Win, Graphic Novels (The Bad Guys, Cat Wad) Educators will have a chance to draft their own story while in session.

New Teacher Learning session sponsored by CRDTA/ SD72 Mentorship

Tuesday April 16 – 8:30 to 11:30 - Elementary new teachers

Wednesday April 17 8:30 – 11:30- Middle & High school new teachers

Limited spaces available and release time provided; please contact erin.pickering@sd72.bc.ca by Thursday April 11th 2024 to register.

This session will be tailored to those in the room and will include a chance for new teachers to share their experiences and ask questions; mini learning sessions based on interests of group – such as Student Led Conferences; Spring Outdoor learning; Assessment, Literacy, SEL embedded instructional strategies.

New means new to profession or district – less than 5 years or having made a significant change in educational assignment/practice.

Grade Group Get Together Tuesday April 23rd 2:45- 4:15pm **no registration necessary!**

In Person @ SBO Conference Room.

A place for teachers to gather and talk about teaching with grade range colleagues. Topics are formed by your questions and current context. Ed Centre Resources available. Snacks provided! Bring a question, idea or something to share. Springtime topics might include: getting students outside on local field trips; yearend assessment; student self-assessment and learning celebrations.

Monday May 6 is a school based Pro-D Day.

Please check with your School-based PD rep to confirm plans for that day and see how you might help. Should a teacher wish to engage in professional learning that is different from their school plan, they should provide the PD Rep and Admin with at least 1-2 weeks' notice so discussion of what is being missed at school that day and to ensure the PD team can adjust their plans accordingly. There is a self-directed PD form on the [PD Learning Hub Page](#) that can be used by teachers to help communicate their plans.

Monday May 6 District Pro-D events

There will be a few PD workshops being offered at the SBO, they can be registered for on CIMS are one way that we are helping to provide learning opportunities for unassigned teachers/ TTOCs. * TTOC/Part Time Teachers there is a [Pro-D day grant available](#) and due April 22nd .

9:30-12:30 SET BC - Microsoft Accessibility Tools for PC and iPad hosted by Maria and Lori from SET BC. **Must register on CIMS by April 17th.** In Person Event @ SBO

Do you have students who have difficulty writing, or who struggle reading? Do literacy skills impact the completion of assignments?

This workshop explores many built-in and free reading and writing tools to support literacy. Whether a student is working on a laptop or an iPad, these tools can help them access information, make annotations, and create their own writing. Some supports include dictation, predictive text, text-to-speech, annotation of PDFs, and the reduction of visual distractions from websites.

These are tools that will benefit all students. Come explore them with us. This is a hands-on workshop. Laptops and iPads will be available to use.

1-2pm Live it Earth Science Resources hosted by David Russell-Loewen Director of Education. **Register on CIMS by April 17th.** Online / Watch Party @SBO – please bring your device

Spend an hour exploring the resources available, how to make a part of your science learning and the new features added for 2023-24. Live it Earth information and access code can be found [HERE](#) in in the District Library Commons section of the 72Learning Hub page. Participants will receive a zoom link and may attend from any district school location, there will also be space at the SBO for a group watch – participants will need to bring their own device.

8:45 – 2:45pm BCTF Classroom Management Register **on CIMS by April 17th.** In Person @SBO

This workshop provides a framework for creating a classroom management plan that includes preventing problems, taking action when problems arise and intervening with individual students. This framework allows teachers to create a management plan that is based on positive behaviour support but is flexible to accommodate many strategies and teaching styles. Included is the opportunity to re-examine personal practice and beliefs, explore respectful discipline approaches and expand classroom management strategies.

12:15 -3:30pm BCTF Professional Boundaries: Teachers/Student Relationships **Register on CIMS by April 17th** In Person @ CRDTA Office

Sometimes the standards of conduct between students and teachers are ambiguous. Teachers place themselves in jeopardy when boundaries are crossed. This workshop helps school staffs and TTOCs identify the boundaries and provides them with support and resources. Reference will be made to the BCTF Code of Ethics.

1 – 2:30 pm BCTF Their Voices Will Guide Us **Register on CIMS by April 17th** In Person @ SBO

This workshop builds knowledge around Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), while reviewing historic events leading up to the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls final report. Educational resources such as Their Voices Will Guide Us are introduced, as well as The REDress Project initiative

Notable Spring Conferences/ Provincial Events

April 19, 2024 8:45- 2:45pm Sooke Teacher's Association Pro-D Event – Online & In person \$50
For more information and to register: [STA Pro-D Conference - April 2024 \(ourconference.events\)](#)

April 20, 2024, 9am – 4:30pm Fifteenth Annual Neufeld Institute Conference “The Current Crisis of Well-Being: *what’s happening to our kids?*” ONLINE *Early Bird Pricing until April 5 - \$120. Regular - \$135*

For more information and to register: <https://neufeldinstitute.org/conference-2024/>

April 25- 27 2024, 9:00- 4:30pm Othering and Belonging Conference – University of California Berkley. ONLINE or IN PERSON \$450 - Belonging without Othering.
Many great speakers and presentations.

For more information and to register [Agenda | Othering & Belonging Institute \(berkeley.edu\)](#)
LIVESTREAM registration link [Othering & Belonging 2024 Conference - Livestream registration \(everyaction.com\)](#)

May 11, 2024 8:30- 4pm BCTF New Teacher Conference: Refracting the Light: AI and Technology in Education – Prince George BC IN PERSON \$75 new teacher \$60 TTOC

The conferences are designed specifically for teachers and teachers teaching on call in their first five (5) years of teaching, as well as teacher candidates.

For more information and to register <https://www.newteachersconference.ca/princegeorge2024/>

May 14 & 20, 2024 3:30-5pm Indigenous Community, Storytelling, and Mathematical Flourishing ONLINE. *Registration opens April 8* \$25 for both sessions.

For more information and to register: [2024 Indigenous Math Education K-12 Symposium - Indigenous Math Network \(ubc.ca\)](#)

Summer Learning – more to come...

June, July and November 2024 The Innovative Schools Summit – various locations including Nashville, Las Vegas, San Antonio, Chicago. IN PERSON/ ONLINE \$850 / \$295 *Early bird prices until April 2024*

Experience the Innovative Schools Summit — the nation’s top K-12 education conference that brings together internationally recognized thought leaders, administrators, teachers and consultants to share innovative best practices and research-based methodologies in an engaging, inspiring event.

For more information and to register: <https://innovativeschoolssummit.com/>

August 10-12 Ripple Effect: Making Waves Together hosted by Northwest Aquatic & Marine Educators and Canadian Networks for Ocean Education. In Person Pearson College, Metchosin BC \$200 - \$300 – single day attendance available.

The conference program will include a variety of plenary sessions, workshops, presentations, field trips, social events, and time for networking.

For more information and to register: [2024—Metchosin, British Columbia - Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators \(pacname.org\)](#)

August 29 2024 – SD72 Professional Development day (details to follow)

Where to look for Pro-D Events happening across the island, province, and world

**Consider looking at other locals/school district's Pro-D Day line ups across the island and/or lower mainland. Many larger districts offer a wide variety of teacher led pro-d session.*

[BCTF Calendar of Events](#) – includes announcements of BCTF workshops, learning events.

[BCTF PSA Page](#) – a listing of all the Provincial Special Associations you can join and learn about what they have to offer for teacher learning and resources. PSAs hold conferences in October and sometimes in February.

[BCTF PSA Day](#) – the website for the annual fall provincial conferences

[CASEL – Advancing Social and Emotional Learning](#) – a variety of webinars and events to support teachers in understanding and utilizing Social Emotional Learning

[Continuing Studies @ UVic](#) – Teacher professional development opportunities and courses open for additional learning.

[Corwin Publishing](#) – Professional Development Workshops and resources – many events happen in the USA, and even more are offered online, sometimes a Canadian conference. There is a cost associated with most of these events.

Look here for the list of events happening in [Canada](#).

[Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute](#) – many great online events including one day and ongoing courses to help teachers understand the students in front of them and the complexities they bring with them.

[Let's Talk Science Online Learning Events for Educators](#) - live workshops. Keynotes and other learning events for educators.

[Let's Talk Science LIVE STEM Broadcasts](#) – embedded professional learning opportunities for educators working alongside their students.

Neufeld Institute: “Making Sense of Kids; Development Science in Practice” This institute founded by Gordon Neufeld offers a variety of course work and professional learning that offers educators skills to meet the needs of all students. Developmental Science, Attachment Theory, The importance of Play for emotional and academic growth and much more.

POPEY – Provincial Outreach Program for Early Years. Literacy workshops for K-3 are offered online and often happen on our PD Days.

Outdoor Learning Store – providing professional learning opportunities linked to outdoor learning, Indigenous and place-based learning. Options include multi-week courses; Free virtual workshops; Podcasts and prerecorded workshops. They also host the **Take Me outside conference** in the Spring.

We the Teachers 2024 – 13 best Educational conferences to attend - List of educational conferences and this website also includes free resources, educational resources.
<https://www.weareteachers.com/>

Youcubed.org – professional development in numeracy offered by Jo Boaler and Stanford university, in person and online opportunities in math and sciences. (This site also has amazing classroom numeracy tasks and activities)

**** This list will be updated as we become aware of other site that promote strong pedagogy and continuous learning opportunities**

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